CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:

determining whether a current fill rate of a container is within a threshold of a slowest fill rate of the container.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

when the determining is true, switching from the container to a new container.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the switching further comprises:

switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining the slowest fill rate from a plurality of fill rates for the container over a plurality of time periods.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

periodically determining each of the plurality of fill rates.

6. An apparatus comprising:

means for calculating a plurality of fill rates of a container for a respective plurality of time periods;

means for calculating a slowest fill rate of the plurality of fill rates; and

means for determining whether a current fill rate of the container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the means for determining is true.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the means for determining further comprises:

means for determining whether a current size of the container is between a soft threshold and a hard threshold.

9. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when a current size of the container exceeds a hard threshold.

10. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the means for switching further comprises:

means for switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.

11. A signal-bearing medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

calculating a plurality of fill rates of a container for a respective plurality of time periods;

calculating a slowest fill rate of at least a portion of the plurality of fill rates; and

determining whether a current fill rate of the container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate and whether a current size of the container is between a soft threshold and a hard threshold.

12. The signal-bearing medium of claim 11, further comprising:

switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the determining is true.

13. The signal-bearing medium of claim 11, further comprising:

switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the current size of the container exceeds the hard threshold.

14. The signal-bearing medium of claim 11, further comprising:

refraining from switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the determining is false.

15. The signal-bearing medium of claim 12, further comprising:

receiving the fill-rate threshold from the application.

16. A electronic device comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

calculating a plurality of fill rates of a first container for a respective plurality of time periods,

calculating a slowest fill rate of at least a portion of the plurality of fill rates,

determining whether a current fill rate of the first container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate and whether a current size of the first container is between a soft threshold and a hard threshold, and

switching an application from filling the first container to filling a second container when the determining is true.

17. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

deciding whether a current size of the first container exceeds the hard threshold.

18. The electronic device of claim 17, wherein the instructions further comprise:

switching the application from filling the first container to filling a second container when the deciding is true.

19. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

receiving the fill-rate threshold from the application.

20. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

receiving the hard threshold and the soft threshold from the application.